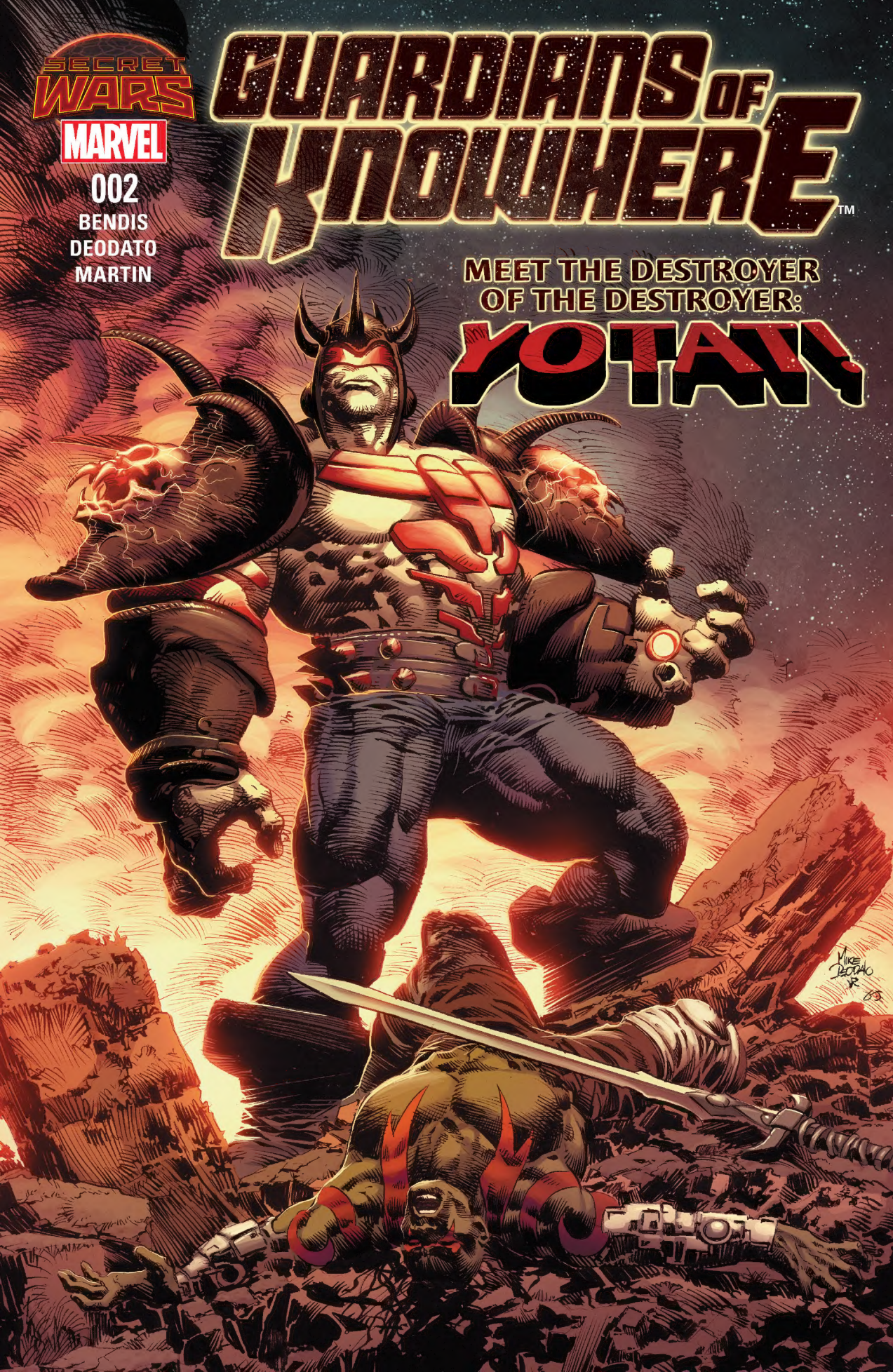
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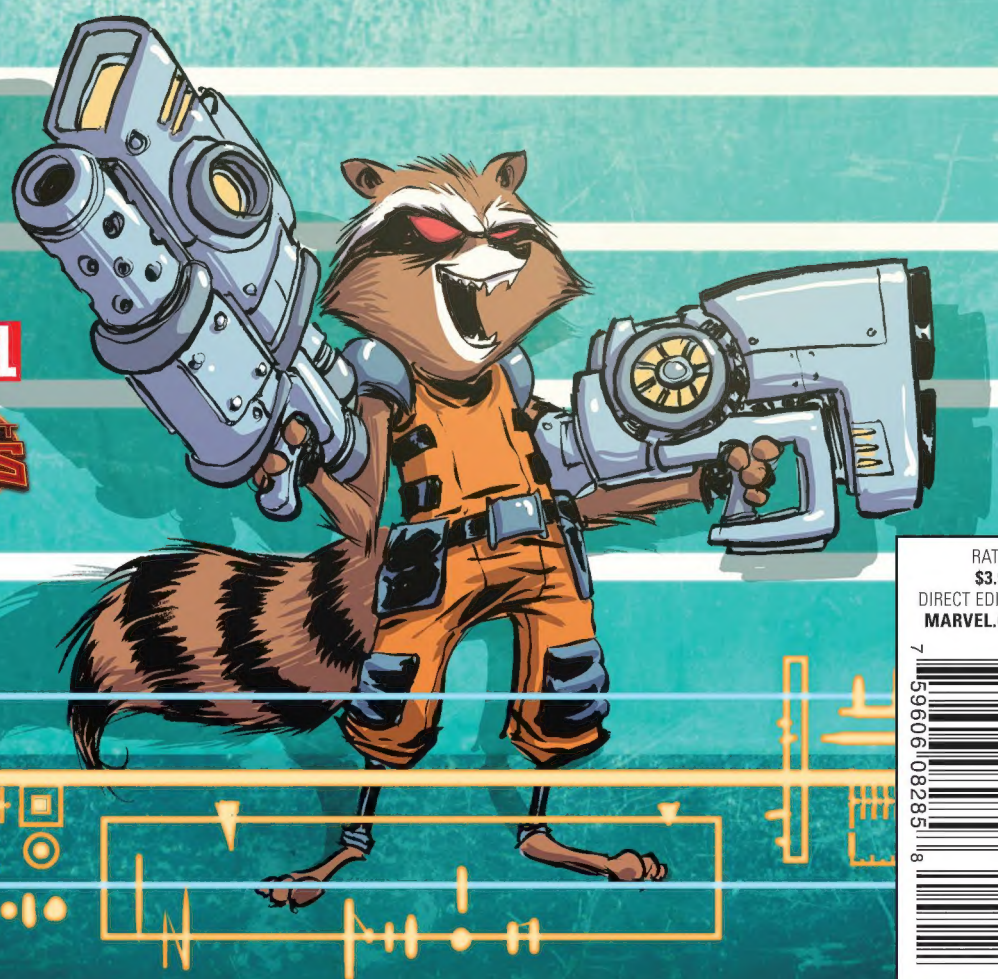

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AFTER BEING SOUGHT BY THE THOR CORPS FOR CROSSING BORDERS WITHOUT PERMISSION, GAMORA ESCAPED CAPTURE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ROCKET RACCOON AND DRAX THE DESTROYER. AFTERWARDS, WHILE LAYING LOW WITH MANTIS, THESE GUARDIANS WERE FOUND AND ATTACKED BY A MYSTERIOUS GANGSTER NAMED YOTAT. BUT WHO IS YOTAT AND WHAT DOES HE WANT?

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THE OUTSKIRTS OF KNOWHERE.
A YEAR AGO.

IT'LL BE THERE, YOTAT?

GUARANTEED, GIOGO. GUARANTEED.

DRAGGING ME OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, IT BETTER BE.

RIGHT THIS WAY, SIR.

HALF OF YOU TAKE THE PERIMETER, THE OTHER HALF WITH ME.

BROKEN SHIPS.

YOTAT...

NO. NO. THIS ISN'T IT, GIOGO.

THIS WAY...

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE CODE?

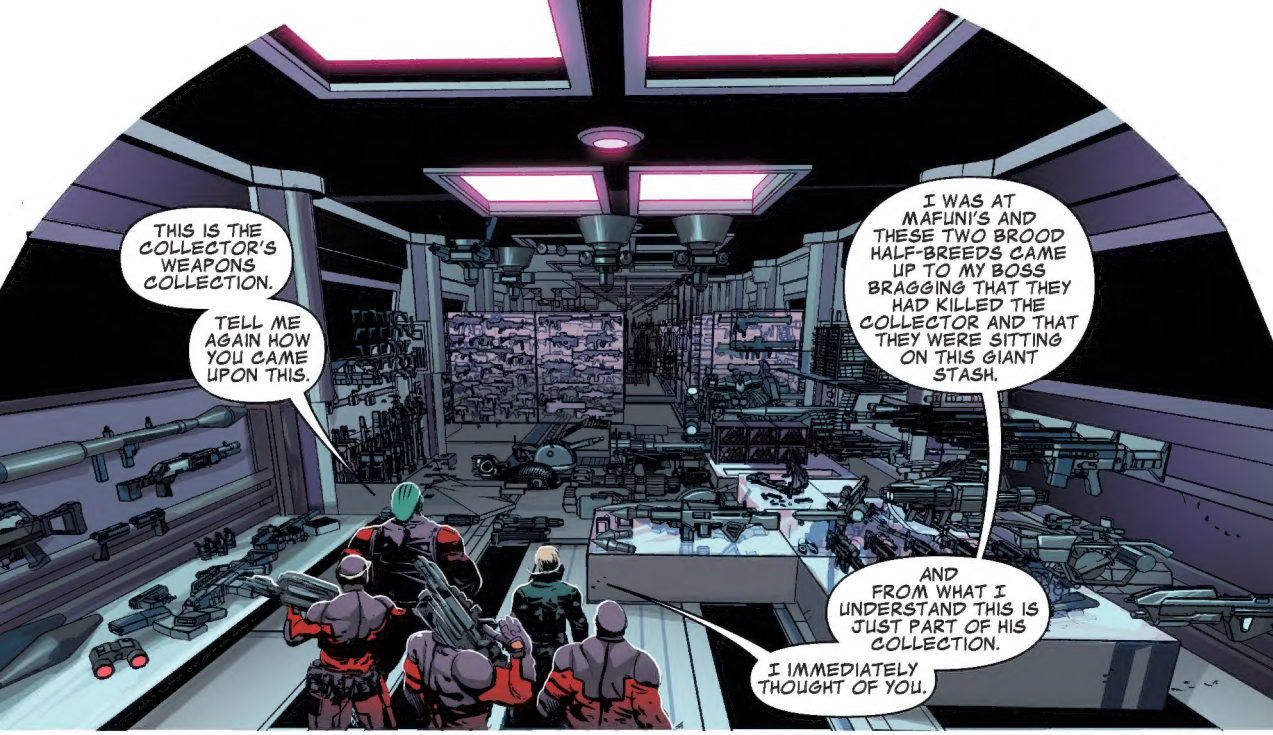
I PUT THIS ON MYSELF.

JUST-- JUST IN CASE.

SEE?

SEE?

WELL...


THIS IS THE COLLECTOR'S WEAPONS COLLECTION.
TELL ME AGAIN HOW YOU CAME UPON THIS.
I WAS AT MAFUNI'S AND THESE TWO BROOD HALF-BREEDS CAME UP TO MY BOSS BRAGGING THAT THEY HAD KILLED THE COLLECTOR AND THAT THEY WERE SITTING ON THIS GIANT STASH.
AND FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND THIS IS JUST PART OF HIS COLLECTION.
I IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF YOU.

MY BOSS DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THIS, BUT I KNEW YOU WOULD, SIR.
AND I KNEW THAT THIS WAS MY TICKET IN.
YOUR TICKET?

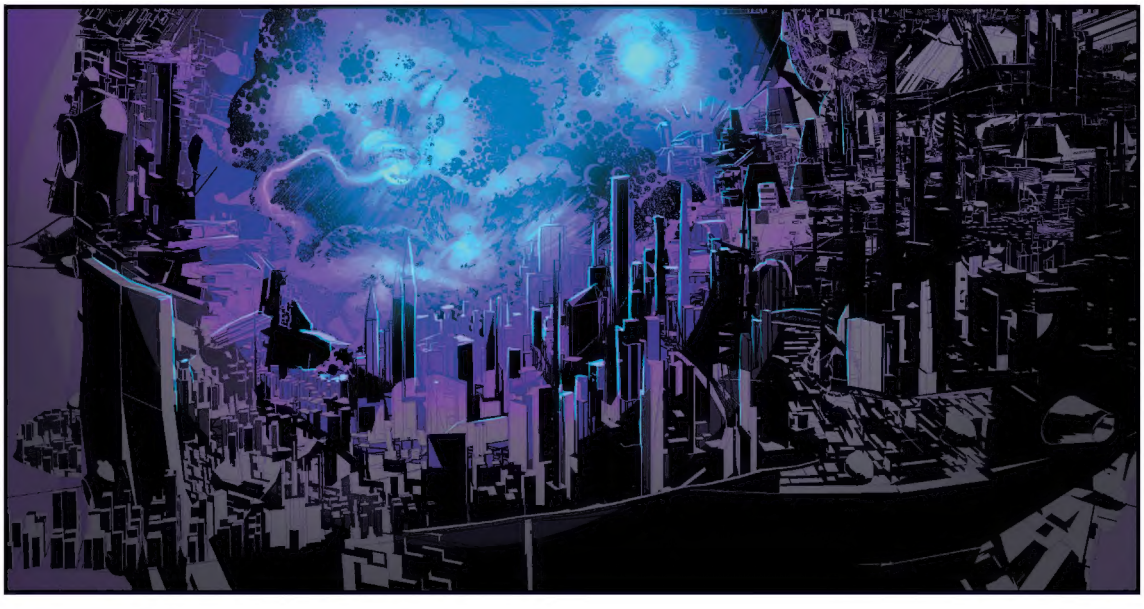
GIOGO, I WANT TO BE PART OF YOUR ORGANIZATION.
YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE OVER KNOWHERE. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND.
MY BOSS? HE DOESN'T HAVE HALF OF WHAT YOU HAVE.
DOES THIS DO IT? DOES THIS GET ME IN WITH YOU?

YOUR BOSS DOESN'T KNOW YOU'RE HERE?
JUGANDO?
HE'S PASSED OUT SOMEWHERE WITH SOME CHITAURI COURTESAN.
OR THREE.

SO YOU CAME TO ME.
AND NO ONE ELSE?

THERE IS NO ONE ELSE.

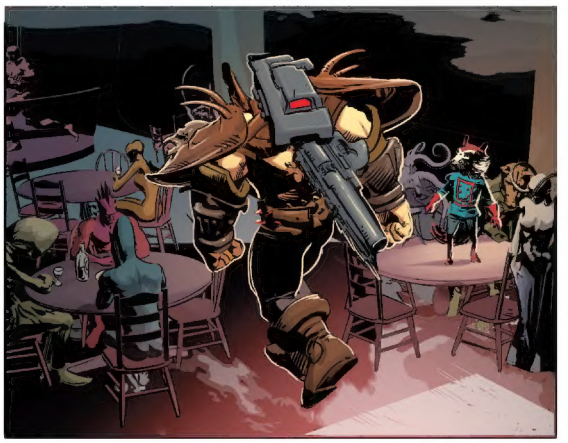
FSHAAMMMM
GGKK...
LOYALTY IS THE ONLY THING I ADMIRE, YOTAT.
YOU HAVE NONE.
DON'T--
DESTROY ALL OF THIS.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM OR WHOSE IT IS.
I DON'T WANT IT ON THE STREETS, IN ANYONE ELSE'S HANDS, AND I SURE AS HALA DON'T WANT IT BACK WITH ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS.
SCRACCHHH
NOOOO!



A FEW MONTHS LATER.
THAT'S WHAT I SAID!
AND WE STOOD THERE, PISTOL TO PISTOL, BARREL TO BARREL FOR--FOR HOURS.
JUST STARING AT EACH OTHER. JUST LOOKING TO KILL EACH OTHER.

EVERY MEMBER OF MY TEAM IS DOWN, ALL OF HIS MEN ARE DEAD.
JUST ME AND HIM. EYE TO EYE.

NOTHIN' MOVED.
NOBODY SAID A--HEY, I'M TELLIN' A FRUTAKIN' STORY HERE!



IS HE HERE?

I WANT TO HAVE A THOR ON THE PAYROLL.
IT CAN'T BE DONE, GIOGO.
EVERYBODY HAS A PRICE!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO OFFER A THOR THAT'S BETTER THAN WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY--
CAN I HELP YOU?
GIOGO.
YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME?
I'M SURE I WOULD.
THIS IS A PRIVATE PARTY.
HE-- HE JUST KILLED--
BE QUIET.
I HAVE THIS.
I AM YOTAT.
YOU REMEMBER... YOU LEFT ME FOR DEAD...
YOU LOOK GOOD.
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING OUT?
YOU KNOW I'M HERE TO TAKE EVERYTHING FROM YOU, RIGHT?
END THIS!!

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AH...
SO, UM, WHAT'S YOUR DEAL EXACTLY?
PRETTY GREAT, RIGHT?
I JUST ENDED THE UNDERWORLD OF KNOWHERE ALL BY MYSELF.
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, FURBALL?
NOT REALLY.
SO, UH, WHAT'S NEXT?
NOW I TAKE CONTROL.
YOU NEED A JOB?
I'VE SEEN YOU AROUND. YOU'RE A LITTLE SCRAPPER.
YOU TAKE CONTROL?

AW, SEE?
IF YOU WOULD HAVE SAID YOU TOOK THEM OUT TO END ALL THE UNDERWORLD CRIME STUFF, THEN I WOULD HAVE BOUGHT YOU A DRINK.
BUT THIS OTHER THING, KILLING THEM SO YOU CAN BE THEM...
NOW ME AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A THING.
NO, WE AREN'T.
GIOGO AND ALL HIS PARTNERS WERE RIGHT HERE AND YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

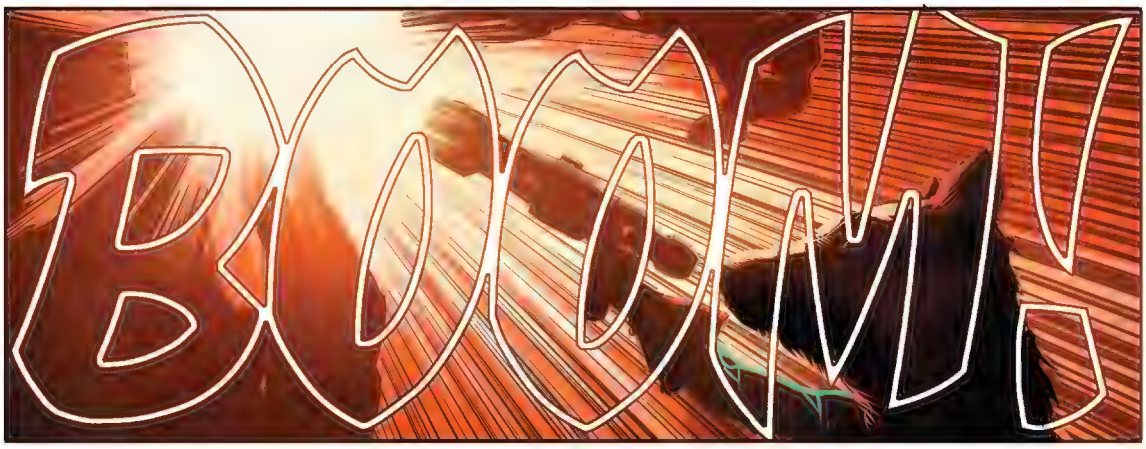
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE BACK THERE!
(AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHO THEY WERE.)

HEY, FUZZBALL, BE SMART AND GO AWAY.
YOU'RE RUINING MY MOMENT.

OR--OR I COULD DO THE OTHER THING...

WHICH OTHER THING?

THIS OTHER THING.


BOOM!

HUH.
UM...
SO WHAT I MEANT WAS...
I OFFERED YOU A JOB AND THAT'S HOW YOU REPAY ME?
WHAT WERE THE BENEFITS AGAIN?
WE NEVER TALKED DETAILS...
BYE...

SMACK
OOPS!
HA, HA, HA!!
SMACK
CRACK
SMACK

BOOM

IS THIS ABOUT A FEMALE?
(AGAIN?)
SURPRISINGLY, DRAX, THIS IS NOT.
BUT I APPRECIATE THE BACKUP.
HE'S ACTUALLY A BIG BAD GUY ON THE MAKE. EXACTLY THE KIND YOU LIKE TO POUND.
I'M A LITTLE UPSET HE'S GETTING UP.

DRAX THE DESTROYER.
I KNOW YOU.
I SAW YOU DESTROY THAT BLASTAAR IDIOT.

I'M GOING TO MAKE MY NAME ON YOU, TOO.

OR NOT.
EITHER WAY.
FABOOM FABOOM FABOOM

CRASH

COME ON...
THE NOVA CORPS.
THEY NEVER COME DOWN HERE.

SO...

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

MAKE A MOVE.

PLEASE.

I'M BEGGING YOU.

HE REALLY IS.

(HE HAS ISSUES.)

WE DON'T NEED THAT NOISE.

NO.

LET'S GO, BEFORE MOONBALDIE STARTS READING OUR THOUGHTS...

I'M NOT GOING TO FORGET THIS, DESTROYER!!!

THIS WAS MY MOMENT!!!

DESTROYER?

WHO IS HE YELLING AT?

BOOM

SETTLE DOWN, YOU.

OH, COME ON, I HAD IT.

SURE YOU DID.

DESTROOOOOYERRR!!

WHAT IS HE ON ABOUT?

I WILL DRAG YOU OUT INTO THE STREETS OF KNOWHERE AND BEAT YOU TO DEATH IN FRONT OF EVERYONE!!

I DON'T MEAN TO TELL YOU YOUR BUSINESS, BUT THAT IS NOT HOW YOU MAKE FRIENDS.

NOW.
MANTIS'S APARTMENT ON THE EDGE OF THE KNOWHERE MARKETPLACE.

I SAID: KNOWHERE IS PRETTY MUCH MINE NOW.

AND I THINK WHEN I AM DONE HERE, THEY WILL CALL ME YOTAT THE DESTROYER.

DESTROYER OF THE DESTROYER.

YOU KNOW, I JUST THOUGHT OF THAT BUT I REALLY LIKE THE SOUND OF IT.

HOW DID YOU EVEN GET AWAY FROM THE NOVA CORPS?

AND HOW DID YOU FIND US?

AND WHY ARE YOU SO *UNBELIEVABLY* SMELLY?

YOTAT, I AM GAMORA.

HHAAA!!!

YOU AND I HAVE NOT MET.

I BEG YOU, LET GO OF THIS FIGHT OR--

UH-OH...

KIND OF GETTING THAT FEELING?

THAT FEELING LIKE THERE IS NO WAY IN HELL YOU'RE GOING TO WIN ANY FIGHT AGAINST ME.

MANTIS, YOU GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE.
NO...
WE WOULD'A NEVER COME YOUR WAY IF WE THOUGHT THIS WAS FOLLOWING YOU.
NO, I CAN HELP.
HAAII!
FAP

YOU GUARDIANS ARE REALLY NOT GETTING THIS.
MANTIS...
GHUUCKK
THE NOVA CORPS CAN'T STOP ME!
THE GUARDIANS DID NOT STOP ME!!
I HAVE BEEN TESTED AND THIS IS WHAT I AM...I AM YOTAT THE DESTROYER!
I AM KNOWHERE!!
TO BE CONTINUED...